

GLOSSARY

articulation	the smooth, planned transition from one grade, level or program to another
assessment	the process of obtaining information about a student's knowledge or skills for the purpose of evaluation and improvement of instruction
authentic	original, unchanged, intended for native speakers
classical	related to the ancient Greeks or Romans
cognates	words from two languages that are similar in spelling and meaning or sound and meaning
communication-based instruction	instruction that emphasizes functional use of language; e.g., language for real purposes and grammar in context
conjugation	the inflectional forms of a verb
content-based instruction	concepts from other subject areas taught in a foreign language course
declension	the inflectional forms of a noun, pronoun, or adjective
derivative	a word formed from another word or base by the addition of a prefix or suffix
elision	the omission of an unstressed vowel or syllable to achieve a uniform rhythm pattern
framework	a document that sets forth the key concepts of an instructional design
idiomatic expression	a statement whose meaning cannot be understood or expressed by a word-for-word translation
meter	a systematically measured and arranged rhythm in verse

multimedia	experiences that utilize a variety of communications media—e.g., newspapers, magazines, television, computers
nomenclature	a system of names used for specific sciences, arts, and other disciplines
pluralistic	describing the coexistence of numerous ethnic, religious, and cultural groups within a community
poetic devices	techniques of language used in a poem that enhance its meaning—e.g., assonance, consonance, metaphor, simile, anaphora
proficiency	the level of communicative ability
realia	objects used to relate classroom teaching to the real life in a foreign country or culture, such as train tickets and native currency
rhetorical device	a technique of language usage that allows a writer to achieve color, nuance, and levels of meaning in prose
sequential study	a carefully designed program that progresses smoothly from one level to another
standard	an expected level of achievement
syntax	the order, or arrangement, of words in a phrase, clause, or sentence
synthesize	to combine information in a new form
target culture	the foreign language culture studied
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